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SUMMARY : FINAL CCD EXPERTS MEETING ON PNES HELD
JULY 18. US EXPERT SHEA GAVE STATEMENT SUMMARIZING
MAIN POINTS OF US WORKING PAPER. FARTASH (IRAN) SAID
STATES ARE NOT LIKELY TO GIVE UP PNES. HE CALLED FOR
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APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION MEASURES, SUGGESTING YIELDS

BE LIMITED TO LESS THAN 100 KT. HE ALSO NOTED ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS, SAYING PNES WITH A "EXCESSIVE" RADIATION WOULD REQUIRE RECONSIDERATION OF LTBT. MISHRA(INDIA) BELITTLED USEFULNESS OF MEETINGS AND SAID ONLY IN CONTEXT OF CTB CAN SATISFACTORY ARRANGEMENTS FOR PNES BE WORKED OUT. MISIBRI (AJAPAN) PRAISED MEETINGS AND REVIEWED JAPANESE IDEAS FOR SNM BANK, PRIOR REGISTRATION OF PNES, INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION AND POST-SHOT DATA EXCHANGE. END SUMMARY.

1. FINAL CCD EXPERTS MEETING ON PNES HELD JULY 18. US EXPERT SHEA GAVE STAGEMENT SUMMARIZING MAIN POINTS OF US WORKING PAPER. HE ALSO NOTED THAT JAPANESE EXPERT IMAI(S JULY 16 INTERPRETATION OF US POINTS WAS GENERALLY CORRECT, CUT CLARIFIED SITUATION WITH RESPECT TO LASER FUSION DEVICES. SHEA POINTED OUT THAT, SINCE SUCH DEVICES DO NOT CONSTITUTE NUCLEAR EXPLOSIVE DEVICES WITHIN MEANING OF NPT OR IAEA SAGEGUARDS AGREEMENTS, THESE ARE NOT CONSIDERED A TYPE OF PNE DEVICE.

2. FARTASH(IRAN) GAVE STATEMENT REHEARSING MAJOR POINTS OF US AND JAPANESE WORKING PAPERS. AFTER PRAISING NTP ARTICLE V AND IAEA, HE SAID MAJOR CONCERN OF IRAN IS THAT PNES SHOULD IN NO CIRCUMSTANCES SERVE TO ADVANCE REFINEMENT OR SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. HE NOTED CALLS FOR MORATORIUM ON PNES, BUT SAID STATES ARE NOT LIKELY TO GIVE UP PNES, DESPITE FACT THEIR FEASIBILITY IS NOT ESTABLISHED. THEREFORE, APPROPRIATE VERIFICATION MEASURES MUST BE CONSIDERED. IN THIS CONNECTION HE ASKED WHAT VERIFICATION MEASURES SHOULD BE ESTABLISHED IF PNES ARE ALLOWED UNDER CTB. FOR EXAMPLE, WHAT LIMITATIONS ON YIELD, NUMBER OR LOCATION WOULD FACILITATE VERIFICATION OF PEACEFUL NATURE?

3. FARTASH OBSERVED THAT PNES WITH "EXCESSIVE" RADIATION WOULD REQUIRE RECONSIDERATION OF LTBT. HE SAID SOME VENTING FROM PNES HAD ALREADY OCCURED BUT HAD BEEN IGNORED BY NWS. NOTING THAT MOST ONGOING PNE WORK IS IN REGION BELOW 100 KT, HE THEN ASKED WHETHER IT WOULD NOT BE POSSIBLE TO LIMIT PNES TO THIS MAXIMUM LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YIELD UNTIL ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS ARE RESOLVED. HE ALSO ASKED IN WHAT CIRCUMSTANCES VERY LARGE YIELD PNES WOULD BE PRACTICAL AND WHAT IMPLICATIONS WOULD BE FOR CTB.

4. MISHRA (INDIA) THE POSED THREE QUESTIONS FOR US:
(1) IS IT CORRECT TO CONCLUDE THAT QUESTION OF ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES IS NOT TECHNICAL BUT

POLITICAL AND A MATTER OF THE INTENT OF A STATE?

(2) IS THE US POSITION THAT NO PNES SHOULD BE

PERMITTED OUTSIDE ARTICLE V FRAMEWORK?

(3) DOES THE US CONSIDER THAT NO COUNTRIES OTHER
THAN NWS SHOULD HAVE PNE PROGRAM?

5. GIVAN (US) GAVE ANSWERS AS FOLLOWS,

RESERVING RIGHT TO COMMENT FURTHER IN PLENARY:

(1) ARMS CONTROL IMPLICATIONS OF PNES DO NOT

DEAL WITH INTENT OF A STATE, WHICH MAY CHANGE, BUT
WITH CAPABILITIES.

(2) AS US EXPERTS MADE CLEAR, ANY PNE SERVICES
SHOULD BE PROVIDED CONSISTENT WITH ARTICLE V.

(3) AS US EXPERTS SHOWED, DEVELOPMENT OF PNE
CAPABILITY IS TANTAMOUNT TO DEVELOPMENT OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS CAPABILITY.

6. JAPANESE EXPERT IMAI BRIEFLY REBUTTED CRITICISM
OF HIS PAPER IN SOVIET PLENARY STATEMENT OF JULY 17.
HE NOTED WITH SATISFACTION APPARENT CONSENSUS THAT
ARTICLE V PROVIDES THE PROPER WAY FOR ALL STATES TO
APPROACH PNES, NOTING, HOWEVER, THAT AFFIRMATION OF
THIS DOES NOT GUARANTEE SUCCESS.

7. MISHRA (INDAI) THEN SOUNDED ONLY DISCORDANT NOTE
OF MEETINGS, SAYING EXERCISE HAD NOT ADDED IN ANY
SIGNIFICANT MEASURE TO OUR KNOWLEDGE OF ARMS CONTROL
IMPLICATIONS OF PNES. THOSE WHO WANTED EXERCISE WERE
ALREADY COMMITTED TO ARTICLE V FRAMEWORK, WHILE THOSE
WHO FELT IT IS POLICITCAL QUESTION CONTINUE TO HOLD
THAT VIEW. HE ALLEGED THAT ALL THE ARGUMENTS FOR THE
INDISTINGUISHABILITY OF PNES AND WEAPONS SUPPORT
INDIAN VIEW THAT IT IS POLITICAL WILL OR INTENT OF STATES
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THAT IS IMPORTANT FACTOR. MISHRA SAID MAIN QUESTION
IS CTB-ONLY IN THIS CONTEXT CAN STATES ARRIVE AT
SATISFACOTRY ARRANGEMETNS FOR PNES WHETHER INSIDE OR
OUTSIDE NPT.

8. NISIBORI (JAPAN) HAD LAST WORD, PRAISING WORK OF
EXPERTS AND SUCCESS OF MEETINGS. HE SAID ALL PNES
CARRY MILITARY SIGNIFICANCE, BUT MILITARY IMPLICATIONS
OF CRUDE INITIAL PNE DEVICE ARE CLEAR SINCE IT IS
MANY STEPS REMOVED FROM WHAT IS NEEDED FOR USEFUL
PROJECTS. NISIBORI SAID OVERALL CONCLUSION SEEMS TO
TO BE THAT INDIGENOUS PNES BY NNWS ARE NOT FEASIBLE.
HE SAID "CONSENSUS" TO RESTRICT PNES TO ARTICLE V
MAY NEED REINFORCEMENT. HE THEN MENTIONED AGAIN
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